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Anniversary of Seven Pines Fight, When Confederates Saved Richmond.

Fifty years ago to-day the city of Richmond was in the throes of a disturbance such as it had never seen before, and such as it has only once seen since, and that on the night of its evacuation and burning. Fifty years ago to-day the thunder of the cannon at Saven Pines could distinctly be heard all over the city. Couriers rode madly through the streets, bearing messages of the war just outside the borders of the city, and toward evening the unending creeping line of ambulances brought in the dead and wounded. Fifty years ago to-night every house in Richmond was a hospital, and the capital of the Confederacy was almost at the mercy of a general who did not take advantage of the result of the day's engagement.

The field of Seven Pines located

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The field of Seven Pines, located along the West Point division of the southern Railway, about seven miles east of Richmond, is reached by a troiley line which runs to a Federal ceme-tery, approximately the point used as Federal headquarters by General Mc-Clellan during the engagement. Four Armies of Invasion.

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In the latter part of May, 1862, the Confederate troops under command of General Joseph E. Johnston fell back toward Richmond with the intention of protecting the capital from the invasion projected by the Federal forces from several directions; from McClellan's army in front, from McDowell's army in rear, from the Federal gumboats on James River, and from the forces ascending the York River to make a land attack, using West Point as a base. a base. Vith four armies of invasion cen-

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Army Divided by Freshet.

McClellan's army, mobilized east of e Chickahoming, which river near Seven Pines, and to e westward. Heavy rains provented e remaining army corps from cross-g the Chickahominy.

Recognizing the divided position of a Pederal forces, General Johnston fered battle. Gen. Longsteer led the warning on Casey's Brigade, near air Oaks Station, a little after noon. May 31, and a most desperate and oody engagement ensued. After relighing repeated bayonet charges, and the Federal breastworks are still to be seen in many places.

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Dayton, Ohio, May 80.—Following a sinking spell that developed soon after midnight, Wiltur Wright, the noted avitor, died of typhoid fever at 3:11 to-day. Wright had been lingering on the border for many days, and though his condition from time to time gave some hopes to members of his family, the attending physicians, Drs. D. B. Conklin and Levi Spitler, maintained throughout the latter part, of his fillness that he could not recover.

When the patient succumbed to the fever that had been racking his body for days and nights he was surround
Orville and Wilbur worked so constantly together that one was seldom imentioned without the other, They were remarkably identical in ideas and ideals, and usually were alluded to simply as the "Wright brothers."

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